## PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

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For: FLUORINE-CONTAINING RESIN POWDER COATING COMPOSITION

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 5-21 and 23 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please enter the following amended claims:

3. The coating composition of Claim 1, wherein the fluorine-containing resin composition for forming a coating film comprises a fluorine-containing resin, a thermal stabilizer and surface-treated rutile titanium oxide particles.

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22. A coating film which is a fluorine-containing resin coating film obtained by applying the powder coating composition of Claim 1 and baking at 300°C or more and has a whiteness of 60 or more.

24. An article having the coating film of Claim 22 on a surface thereof.